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In re Application of:

Milan Mrksich et al.

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 28, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections in view of the following remarks, as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 30 of this paper.